

### Holiday fun in Yuma

Several officers from DPS participated in the annual Yuma Elks Lodge Children's Shopping Spree Dec. 10. As part of the "Shop with a Cop" program, each peace officer was paired with an Elk and given one or more children to shop with at a local J.C. Penney's. Participating in the holiday program from DPS were (from left) Sgt. Johnny Villaneda, Sgt. Jeff Eavenson, Officer George Luna, Officer Eddie Simpson and (in front row) Lt. Kelly Heape.



## DPS helped probe company that bilked \$24 million from investors

The financial arm of the Department's Tucson General Investigations Unit recently played a substantial role in a unique investigation into an unscrupulous company that bilked 1,200 innocent investors, many of whom were deaf, out of \$24 million.

The investigation, which evolved into the most expensive case ever funded by Pima County, involved Mark and Maryanne Chisholm and their company "Safari Media."

Evidence gathered by detectives from DPS during the lengthy case helped a jury find Maryanne Chisholm guilty of 54 counts of illegal sale of securities, three counts of fraudulent schemes and artifices and a single count of illegally conducting an enterprise.

Maryanne Chisholm, the president and chief executive of Safari Media, was sentenced to more than 25 years in prison and was also ordered to pay restitution of around \$22 million after she was found guilty by the Pima County jury in late October.

According to DPS Sgt. Ryan Young, a supervisor involved in the case, Safari Media marketed itself as a large software firm that operated a music division.

Instead of using investor money to fuel legitimate business ventures, Young said the company used investor money to throw lavish parties and buy homes, cars, art and jewelry for Maryanne; her husband, Mark; and company employees. Maryanne reportedly spent nearly \$1 million of investor money at Neiman Marcus alone.

According to an article in the *Tucson Citizen*, individuals invested in the company after the company went to great lengths to

convince potential investors that:

- it would be listed on the NASDAQ;
- its \$1 per share stock would soar to \$33 a share;
- it would merge with Toshiba;
- it was about to debut major products;

Many individuals who eventually invested in the company lost homes, went into bankruptcy, and experienced failed marriages as Safari Media blatantly misused and misspent their funds. The company never produced anything of value and used investor money to create the illusion of success, according to detectives.

The financial arm of DPS' Tucson General Investigations Unit first became involved in the case in the spring of 2000 when the Arizona Corporation Commission requested the unit's help with a securities fraud investigation into "Safari Media."

Initially, DPS simply provided extra manpower for a search warrant at the Chisholm residence, said DPS Sgt. Ryan Young.

A short time later, however, Young said detectives from DPS were asked to conduct interviews and collect information for the case based on their past experience with complex financial crimes.

Soon, detectives from DPS had obtained an indictment against Maryanne Chisholm and secured additional search/arrest warrants that made the gathering of the case's critical evidence possible.

Eventually, Maryanne Chisholm was arrested on a DPS warrant and she filed for bankruptcy along with her husband.

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**From Director  
Roger L. Vanderpool's**

***Vantage Point***



I hope the New Year finds you well, and hope the recent holiday season was very special and memorable for you and your loved ones.

My Christmas season was both highly enjoyable and very busy. Although things did seem to get a bit hectic at times (I think you can relate), I made it a point to spend a significant amount of time reflecting and giving thanks for all of the blessings bestowed upon me and my family.

Like I mentioned in an e-mail to all department employees just prior to Christmas, it is easy to get so wrapped up in the frantic pace of the holiday season that we forget how blessed we really are.

I also prayed during the holiday season that each employee at DPS would remain safe as we move forward into the New Year.

While working during the past month, I must also say I became increasingly pleased and proud each time my office became aware of yet another holiday charitable program taking place involving our employees.

Whether I learned that our employees were making blankets for the sick, collecting food for the poor, delivering surprise gifts to a hospital, or actually shopping with underprivileged children in the community, the message was very clear to me. DPS employees believe in the spirit of giving and consistently do so in grand fashion; especially during the holidays.

I wish I could list all of the noble holiday charitable activities involving employees at DPS that came to my attention, but doing so would take up this entire Vantage Point.

Inspired by your dedication to community service and professionalism at work, I am sincerely looking forward to working with you as we embark on this New Year that promises to be filled with plenty of challenges, opportunities and accomplishments.

Thanks for all of your help and best wishes for a Happy New Year. May God bless you, and may God bless your family.

**For the record**  
**Travel time guidelines explained**

A question was raised a few months ago at a Associated Highway Patrolmen of Arizona (AHPA) meeting pertaining to the use of travel time to attend employee organization meetings.

The concern involved the application and enforcement of different standards for different employee representatives traveling to such meetings.

The question posed to the Director's Office was whether travel time could be counted toward on-duty time in addition to the authorized "monthly allowance" delineated in General Order 2.1.50, *Employee Organizations*, Paragraph IV., D: *Guidelines for On-Duty Allowance*.

In response to the question, Director Vanderpool has authorized the use of travel time in addition to the applicable "monthly allowance" time cited in the general order, with the following conditions:

1. That employees exercise strict self-discipline and accountability for the use of monthly allowance and travel time associated with employee organization meetings.
2. That supervisors will always be consulted in advance for the use of such time to allow them the opportunity to manage work schedules and minimize overtime.
3. That car-pooling is maximized in keeping with current fuel and vehicle cost-savings measures, especially from remote areas of the state.

4. That employees review General Order 2.1.50 and insure compliance with the use of department time for employee organization activities.

Vanderpool said he supports employee organizations and their role in maintaining open communications, offering employee perspectives on issues, and assisting in developing balanced policies which impact employees and the department's operations.

This authorization related to the use of on-duty time for reasonable travel to employee organization meetings is intended to further enhance this philosophy.

**Funds raised for SECC on target**

The 2005 State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC) for DPS concluded successfully in late October. Roughly 200 DPS employees contributed more than \$42,800 to charitable organizations through the event that began Sept. 12.

Last year, 215 DPS employees pledged about \$39,000 as part of the SECC. Employees can participate in the SECC each year through a one-time donation or through small recurring payroll deductions.

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## Earle Miller, former supervisor of *The Digest*, dies at 74 years of age

Earle A. Miller, 74, an administrative services officer III who retired in 1992 after 16 years with the Department, passed away Dec. 15 at his Phoenix home after suffering an apparent heart attack while sleeping.

Most of his career with DPS was spent within the Criminal Justice Support Division where he completed administrative assignments with Property and Evidence, Aviation, Licensing, Latent Prints and Support Services. In the late 1980s, he became supervisor of the *Digest* and continued with that responsibility until retirement.

"Earle was one of those quality individuals who not only was a very good supervisor, but was even a better person," said Art Coughanour, who edited the *Digest* for more than 20 years before retiring last summer. "He had an open-door policy and was easily approachable. He also was committed to making the Department the best it could be."

While with the Department, Mr. Miller was awarded several medals at a number of Police Olympics bowling competitions. Not only did he have good fortune in the Police Olympics, Mr. Miller and six other Licensing Unit employees shared a \$40,318 Arizona



EARLE A. MILLER

Lottery jackpot in the spring of 1987.

The Springfield, Ohio, native attended the University of Cincinnati where he played football under Sid Gillman, who later was voted into the Professional Football Hall of Fame following several successful years as

head coach of the San Diego Chargers.

While attending college, Mr. Miller was also a member of Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Upon receiving a degree in office management from the University of Cincinnati, Mr. Miller entered the U.S. Army, serving three years as a lieutenant.

Prior to DPS, Mr. Miller worked for a variety of major U.S. companies, including the Atlantic-Richfield (ARCO) Company, Motorola Inc., NCR Systems and Trans World Airlines (TWA). While with TWA, which at the time was owned by Howard Hughes, Mr. Miller occasionally worked closely with the reclusive billionaire on a variety of assignments.

He is survived by his wife, Vel, also a retired DPS administrative services officer; three children - Jay, Amy and Claire; three stepchildren - Michael Swanson, Amy Emery and Gail Laute; ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The family requests contributions to Out of Africa Wildlife Park, 4020 N. Cherry Rd., Camp Verde, AZ 86322.

Chapel of the Chimes, Glendale, handled the arrangements.

## History of state's flag traces its beginning to national shooting competition in 1910

Because Arizona's state flag is such an important part of so many functions and images at DPS, there has recently been some interest at the agency in the history of the flag.

Added to the union on Feb. 14, 1912, Arizona was the 48th state to be established in America. However, according to state historians, the flag that identifies the state traces its beginnings to a few years prior to Arizona becoming an official state.

In 1907, the first National Rifle Matches were held in Camp Perry, Ohio. In

1910, Arizona was represented at the rifle matches, but unlike every other state at the competition, Arizona reportedly had no flag by which it could be identified.

The problem, according to historians, was brought to the attention of then adjutant general of the Arizona National Guard, Colonel Charles Wilfred Harris.

In a joint effort, Colonel Harris and then congressman Carl Hayden both conceived

a flag for the rifle matches that would later become the Arizona state flag.

The first flag apparently measured six feet long by four feet tall. Like today's flag, it was divided into two halves with a copper star placed at the center of the flag as a symbol of Arizona's prowess in being the top copper producing state in the Union.



The top half of the design displayed 13 alternating lines of red and yellow to give the illusion of sunlight shining over the horizon. The number was chosen to represent the original 13 colonies of the United

States while the colors were those flown by Spanish Conquistadors in their unsuccessful search for the Seven Cities of Cibola in 1540.

The lower half of the flag was blue and, like the red found in the rays of the upper half, is the exact color on the American flag.

The flag, according to historians, was finally passed by the State Legislature in 1917 despite heavy protest of the colors.

## Investment probe ...

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The bankruptcy claim by the couple led to an additional investigation by DPS, said Young, because the Chisholm's began hiding assets.

The most significant and vital type of assistance DPS provided during each separate investigation into the Chisholms, said Young, was likely its computer forensics work.

"DPS Detective Scott Desjaden was particularly instrumental in assisting in the computer forensics portions of this case," Young said. "Desjaden conducted computer forensic analysis on over 500,000 files contained on six computer systems and several hundred pieces of electronic media. His tireless work gathering evidence helped make the eventual trial a success."

Desjaden also testified as an expert witness in the trial and was instrumental in discovering how Chisholm manufactured documents purportedly produced by Toshiba to influence potential investors. Desjaden and other detectives from DPS also helped gather evidence that showed millions of dollars bilked from investors went directly to the Chisholms.





PAUL CASTELLANO



BUD CLARK



JEFFREY EAVENSON



ERNIE HERNANDEZ



CHUCK HERRERA



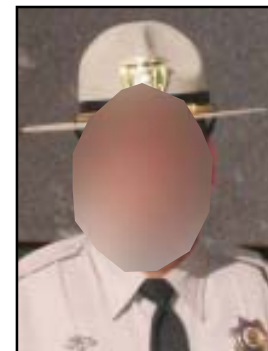
LANCE LARSON



ANGELA MADRID



STEPHEN REUTTER



TROY TITZER



JOHNNY VILLANEDA

## Ten officers promoted to sergeant during ceremony in Phoenix

DPS Director Roger Vanderpool elevated ten officers at DPS to the rank of sergeant Oct. 31 during a promotional ceremony at state DPS headquarters in Phoenix.

Elevated to sergeant was Paul Castellano, Gustav "Bud" Clark, Jeffrey Eavenson, Ernie Hernandez, Chuck Herrera, Lance Larson, Angela Madrid, Stephen Reutter, Troy Titzer, and Johnny Villaneda.

### PAUL CASTELLANO

Castellano was promoted to Sergeant and will be assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau in Nogales.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Castellano began his career with the Department in Sept. 2004 as a Cadet Officer. After graduating from the academy he was assigned to Tucson. During his time there, he worked in the Accident Reconstruction Unit, the Fatal Response Team, and the C.E.T.F Team. He also served as an Administrative Officer for District Eight, the DPS Special Operations Unit, Tucson Tactical Team and as a Crisis Negotiator. In February 2003, Castellano was assigned to the Executive Protection Unit and in June 2004 he was reassigned to the Highway Patrol Division in Tucson.

Castellano has received two Director's Unit Citations for his service with the Special Operations Unit and his work with

District Eight. He was also named District Eight Officer of the Year in 1998.

### GUSTAV "BUD" CLARK

Clark was promoted to Sergeant and will be assigned to the Highway Patrol in Metro East.

Clark began his career with DPS in July 1986 as a Cadet Officer. Following his graduation from the academy, Clark was assigned to District Three, Holbrook. He later transferred to Winslow and then to Sanders. In 1989, he transferred to Metro Phoenix as a Motor Officer. After completing paramedic school in 1990, he was assigned to Central Air Rescue in 1991. In 1999, he transferred to the Advanced Training Section.

Born in Minnesota and raised in Pennsylvania, Clark possesses a lengthy list of areas in which he is instructor certified. From 1982 until 1986 he served in the United States Marine Corp where he achieved the rank of Sergeant.

### JEFFREY EAVENSON

A native of Arizona, Eavenson was promoted to Sergeant and will be assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau in Yuma.

Eavenson began his career with DPS in November 1990 as an Officer Trainee and in June 1992 he attended the Arizona

Law Enforcement Training Academy. Upon graduation from the academy, Eavenson was assigned to the Highway Patrol until March of 2002 when he was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, Major Crimes Apprehension Team in Holbrook. In October 2002, he transferred to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau.

Eavenson has received two Director's Unit Citations for his service in District Three and District Fifteen. He has also received the District Three Officer of the Year award, Northern Operations Bureau Officer of the Year award, and Northern Patrol Bureau Field Trainer of the Year Award.

### ERNIE HERNANDEZ

Born and raised in Eloy, Arizona, Hernandez was promoted to Sergeant and will be assigned to the Highway Patrol Division, District Eight, in Tucson.

Hernandez began his law enforcement career with the Eloy Police Department and the Pinal County Sheriff's Office before joining DPS in January 1977. He was assigned to the Ajo-area after graduating from the academy. He has also worked with Criminal Investigations in the Liquor and Financial Crimes sections. Hernandez has also served as an A.L.E.T.A. Staff Officer, Field Training Officer, and has supervised numerous M.V.D. Specialty classes.

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# Highway Patrol Officer seizes 6,457 pounds of pot in just 30 days

*Seizures were made during six unrelated traffic stops along Interstate 10 starting Nov. 7*

DPS Highway Patrol Officer Keith E. Duckett had an extremely exciting, rewarding, and memorable month patrolling Interstate 10.

On Monday, November 7th, the 14-year law enforcement veteran who is assigned to the Tucson-area stopped a Peterbilt tractor trailer along Interstate 10 just outside of Chandler for equipment violations.

The traffic stop resulted in the seizure of a stunning 4,110 pounds of marijuana worth about \$4 million.

Duckett, utilizing the help of his drug-sniffing dog and another officer at DPS, located the marijuana inside of a concealed compartment in the forward portion of the vehicle's trailer.

The driver of the vehicle, who became combative with officers as he was placed under arrest, was booked on a variety of drug-related charges.

Little did Duckett know at the time, but over the next 30 days he would make five more unrelated traffic stops along Interstate 10 resulting in the seizure of an additional 2,347 pounds of marijuana.

The stops mark some of the largest unrelated marijuana seizures ever made by a single highway patrol officer at DPS within such a short period of time. The stops also mark the largest marijuana seizures made by a highway patrol officer at DPS in recent months.

Duckett's second eventful traffic stop took place on Thursday, November 10, near Marana when he stopped a 1999 Chrysler for a license plate violation. As he approached the vehicle he detected a strong odor of marijuana and observed bails of the drug on the vehicle's rear floor-board. The driver of the vehicle was arrested and booked on a variety of drug related charges. A thorough search of the vehicle revealed 339 pounds of marijuana worth about \$330,000.

Duckett's third eventful traffic stop also took place near Marana on Wednesday, November 16. This time he stopped a 1999 GMC pickup truck for a minor traffic violation. After observing several indicators of criminal activity during the stop, Duckett asked the vehicle's driver if he could search the truck. The driver granted Duckett permission to conduct a search and the officer, with help from his drug-sniffing dog, quickly located 529 pounds of marijuana in the truck's covered bed. Two suspects in the vehicle were arrested and the marijuana, worth about \$520,000, was seized.

Duckett's fourth eventful stop took place only one day later on Thursday, November 17. Duckett made this stop along Interstate 10 a few miles southeast of Tucson when he stopped a 2004 Ford pickup truck for an equipment violation. Duckett approached the vehicle on the passenger side and observed bales of marijuana in the truck's rear passenger compartment.

After placing the driver of the vehicle under arrest on drug related charges, Duckett located additional bales of marijuana underneath furniture in the truck's bed. All of the marijuana located in the truck totaled 603 pounds and is worth roughly \$600,000.

Duckett's fifth successful marijuana seizure took place on December 5 when he stopped a 1992 Mercury for excessive window tint along Interstate 10 just south of Tucson. Assisted once again by his faithful canine "Rico", Duckett was able to locate 206 pounds of marijuana in the vehicle's trunk.

Duckett's sixth and final exciting traffic stop took place only one day later on December 6 when he stopped a 1995 Ford truck for speeding along S.R. 83, a highway that splits from Interstate 10 south of Tucson.

After the vehicle stopped for Duckett, two suspects ran from the vehicle and bolted into the desert. Several law enforcement agencies searched for the suspects but they were not found.

Located inside of the vehicle the suspects left behind, however, was 670 pounds of marijuana.

"It was definitely an eventful 30 days that I will never forget," Duckett said. "I

must give a lot of credit to my canine, Rico, and several other officers

from the Department who assisted with these marijuana seizures."

DPS Director Roger Vanderpool honored Duckett for his tremendous drug interdiction efforts during the months of November and December by presenting him with a special recognition award during the Department's executive staff meeting on Dec. 19.

Vanderpool told Duckett his work is greatly appreciated and sends a strong message to those trying to run drugs on Arizona's highways.



## Busy trooper

DPS Highway Patrol Officer Keith Duckett has been busy lately thanks to vehicles like the one below which yielded 339 pounds of marijuana along Interstate 10.







STEVEN GOLISCH



KARRI GRAS



LU HIMMELSTEIN



BRIAN PENDERGRASS



RHONDA SULLIVAN

## Five civilian employees receive promotions during ceremony

Five civilian employees at DPS received promotions from DPS Director Roger Vanderpool during ceremonies October 31 at state DPS headquarters in Phoenix.

The civilians, who were promoted to various positions within the agency, are Steve Golisch, Karri Gras, Lu Himmelstein, Brian Pendergrass, and Rhonda Sullivan.

### STEVE GOLISCH

Steve Golisch received a promotion to Supervising Telecommunications Engineer.

A native of Long Beach, California, Golisch received his Bachelors of Science degree from California State Polytechnic University. He joined DPS in 2003 as a Telecommunications Engineer.

### KARRI GRAS

Karri Gras received a promotion to Administrative Assistant.

Since joining the Department in Oct. 2001, Gras has served as a Support Services Specialist with the Rocky Mountain Infor-

mation Network and as a Criminal Records Specialist with the Applicant Clearance Card Team.

### LU HIMMELSTEIN

Born and raised in Arizona, Himmelstein was promoted to Chief of Staff of the Agency Support Division.

Himmelstein began her career with the Department as an Identification Clerk in July 1978. She later worked in the Licensing Unit and in 1983 she transferred to the Telecommunications Bureau where she was promoted four times. In January of 1993, Himmelstein transferred to the Finance Bureau as a Finance Manager.

Himmelstein has also received three Director's Unit Citations, was named Director's Office Supervisor of the Year in 1995, and was the Manager of the Year for the Agency Support Division in 2004.

### BRIAN PENDERGRASS

Pendergrass, an Indiana native raised in

Arizona, was promoted to Local/Wide Area Network Specialist.

Since joining DPS in 1998 as a Personal Computer Specialist, Pendergrass has been instrumental in the installation of laptops in patrol cars and the new C.A.D. systems in Operational Communications.

He also received a Director's Unit Citation for the Y2K Conversion Project, I.T. Employee of the Year, and a Distinguished Service Award for his help during the Lewis Prison standoff.

### RHONDA SULLIVAN

Born and raised in Arizona, Sullivan received the promotion to Administrative Assistant.

Sullivan began her career with DPS as a Criminal Records Specialist with the Applicant Clearance Card Team in 2001.

A mother of two children, she also completed training in the F.B.I. Fingerprint Identification program and received an award for Employee of the Year.



## DPS Sgt. Bob Smart sinks putt to beat some 675 golfers in Pacific Amateur Golf Classic

DPS Sgt. Bob Smart of Flagstaff won the ninth annual Pacific Amateur Golf Classic on Oct. 6 in dramatic fashion by sinking a 12-foot putt from the fringe to capture the victory by one stroke.

The Pacific Amateur Golf Classic is a four-day tournament open to any player who has an established handicap from the United States Golf Association (USGA). This year's event was held at various golf courses across central Oregon and culminated in a playoff at Sunriver Resort's Crosswater Club.

As reported in *The Bulletin*, a daily newspaper based in Dechutes County, Oregon, Smart beat out some 675 golfers to capture the crown. In 2004, Smart competed in the same golf tournament where he finished ninth.

After finishing the first two days of this year's event tied for second, Smart took the lead on the third day. He held on with a net score of 68 to win the tournament on Thursday's close.

*The Bulletin* quoted Smart as saying, following his victory, "I am very surprised that I won. There are a lot of good golfers here. I don't ever play that much. I come for the scenery."

Smart said his victory in Oregon is his biggest golf win to date.

## DPS Video Unit receiving outside help to make vital PSA a reality

*Production will increase officer safety by educating public about new "move over law"*

by Kellen Chavez  
State Service Intern

In the 18 years that Ruben Chavez has served as the Video Productions Supervisor at DPS, he and his partner of as many years, Video Productions Specialist Paul Palmer, have annually produced Public Service Announcements (PSAs) that garner national awards and recognition.

In all that time, during which the video team has produced around four or five PSAs a year, there has never been a taping opportunity quite as unique as what transpired the first weekend of December.

For the upcoming year, Chavez and Palmer were assigned to do a PSA on a new law in Arizona, House Bill 2469, which requires moving vehicles to change lanes if possible in order to give a parked police vehicle on the side of the road more "breathing room."

The true difficulty of actually executing this idea was always inherent.

"You can't tape something outside and make it look like you're inside a building," Palmer said. "We had to have a set that was indoors but was big enough that you could drive a car through." That is when Palmer came up with the idea to use a military airplane hangar.

In 1995, Chavez and Palmer taped a PSA with then Navy Blue Angel pilot and former DPS Officer Ben Hancock. Since then they have remained in touch with Hancock, who proved to be incredibly helpful in this situation.

Hancock was promoted to Colonel with the U.S. Marine Corp earlier this year and was assigned as Base Commander of the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma. Chavez and Palmer contacted



The new piece of legislation, commonly known as the "move over law," will likely provide DPS officers and all other police officers in Arizona with a bit more distance from passing traffic while they are conducting roadside tasks such as traffic stops.

However, for the law to truly make a difference in increasing the safety of police officers in Arizona, the public must be fully aware of the new law and thoroughly understand it.

This is where Chavez and Palmer are going to come in.

The duo has been tasked with the challenge of integrating the debut of the new law into an engaging PSA that will make the public aware of the law and motivate them to obey it at all times.

At stake, perhaps, is the safety of thousands of police officers who, if the public remains unaware of the new law, will continue to be in potential peril while conducting traffic stops and other activities just feet from passing traffic.

The new law is fairly simple, but the concept of conveying its point through a PSA was hardly so. Chavez and Palmer wanted to film a car driving through an office that would convey the humorous but relevant message, "You wouldn't want someone driving through your workspace would you?"

"We had always wanted to use that idea," Chavez said. "But we never had an assignment to pair it with until now."

**Chavez and Palmer wanted to film a car driving through an office that would convey the message, "You wouldn't want someone driving through your workspace, would you?"**

Hancock, who was more than willing to aid in this cause.

Hancock allowed the Video Unit to come down and survey the hangar in early November. The hangar looked like a perfect set and taping was quickly scheduled for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning during the first week of December.

The particular hangar used is the normal housing place of C-12 Huron cargo planes and two rescue helicopters.

For the taping, the aircraft simply spent the night and morning outside.

Col. Hancock said, "This taping had no impact on the base operationally. That is why we utilized Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. We moved the aircraft outside, but they are still on call."

Beyond the exclusive situation of using a military aircraft hangar as a filming set, the process in putting together the PSA, from the set to the actors, was a fresh situation for the Video Unit as well.

"This taping was much more involved than other PSAs of the past," Chavez said. "There were many more pieces. Usually it's just me, Paul, an officer and maybe an actor."

Former DPS officer and current civilian volunteer with the agency, Charlie Bokamper, drove to Yuma early Friday morning with his son,

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## New air card technology helping CVEB officers do more from field

*Small devices for laptops allow field officers to access web-based info and send reports wirelessly*

You may find out that officers at DPS who are assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau (CVEB) throughout the state now use air cards with their laptop computers to access web-based information and transmit commercial vehicle inspections wirelessly to headquarters.

When CVEB officers inspect large trucks and motor coaches, they use a software program called ASPEN to document the violations found.

The violation information is immediately transmitted to DPS Headquarters and then to a federal computer that collects this type of information from all states. At that point the violations are attributed to the company responsible for the truck and driver.

Speed is important in this process. The sooner data is submitted to the federal computer, the sooner it goes on the company's safety record.

Until recently officers would download the information via a phone line and their computer's modem. This was cumbersome but faster and more effective than the previous method of mailing diskettes to Headquarters.

Now, with the air cards, officers can transmit their inspection data directly from their vehicle as soon as the inspection is completed.

While submitting inspections quickly enhances the overall safety program, the air cards also enable officers to access federal



web-based databases. These databases include a huge amount of information about the companies and drivers.

This enables officers to check a drivers Commercial Driver License (CDL) record, the company's overall safety record and copies of previous inspections done nationwide on that company, truck or driver.

Two examples of how the air cards have already worked effectively involved DPS Sgt. Tim Kvochick who used his air card during two recent incidents.

One case involved a hit-and-run collision with injuries on Interstate 10 just west of Phoenix where a commercial vehicle driver had left the scene of the accident. The witnesses had the license plate number.

Using his laptop computer and air card, Sgt. Kvochick was able to access the

internet from the field where he found the name of the company in Canada who owned the vehicle. He then called the owner who gave him the driver's cell phone number.

Tim called the driver and told him to return to the scene of the accident, which he did. The driver was then cited for his involvement in the accident.

In the second case, Sgt. Kvochick investigated a rollover accident involving a local rock hauler. At the scene, Tim used his laptop and air card to access the web where he saw the company's previous inspections nationwide. Here he found that the company had not made repairs previously recorded during inspections on the vehicle.

DPS Major Deston Coleman, who heads CVEB, says that the Bureau is fortunate to have federal funds available for these kinds of programs.

While changes in technology require officers to change how they do things, the results are worth the effort.

"Being at the forefront of technology makes us more effective and efficient in our day-to-day work," Coleman said. "You can't beat that."

He also appreciates the "backbone" of this project which is the administrative staff handling the management of such a large and complex program – purchasing the equipment, installation, training, tech support, etc.

"This project shows what can be done when everybody works together for a common goal. Having federal funds is critical, of course, but you also have to have people who are willing to step up to the plate and implement new ideas," Coleman said.

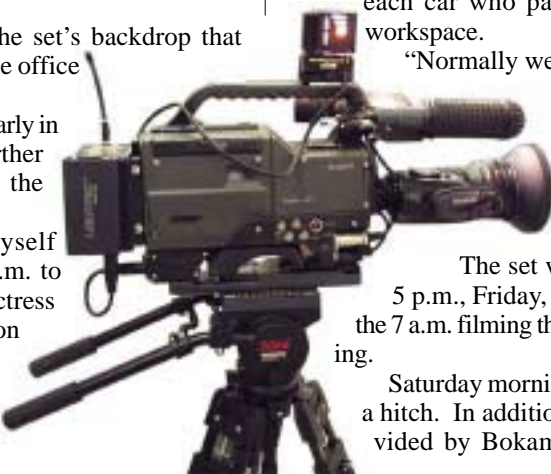
## Video Unit ...

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Jeff, to assemble the set's backdrop that was to be used as the office wall for the PSA.

Palmer arrived early in the morning to further assist in finalizing the set.

Chavez and myself arrived around 3 p.m. to meet the chosen actress for the PSA, Shannon Pethe, a local theater major at Yuma's Arizona Western College.



In the PSA, Pethe plays the secretary who becomes progressively more annoyed with each car who passes through her workspace.

"Normally we would have chosen an actress from Phoenix, but it was easier to localize for this instance," Chavez said.

The set was completed by 5 p.m., Friday, in preparation for the 7 a.m. filming the following morning.

Saturday morning started without a hitch. In addition to the help provided by Bokamper, his son and

Pethe, Col. Hancock and Major Clay Danford also helped with the actual filming of the PSA.

Maj. Danford, a soft spoken, friendly man, dressed in full business attire to play Pethe's boss in the PSA.

Col. Hancock played the anonymous driver of the three different vehicles used in the shoot: a 2004 BMW 3-series, a 1997 Ford Mustang Cobra SVT, and a 1994 Ford Explorer.

Four set changes, five times as many takes and a little over two hours later, the filming was completed.

The PSA now has one final scene to be filmed before it enters final editing for ten, twenty and thirty second slots to be aired on television.



## Investigators at DPS receive award for serving homicide victims

On September 25, 2005, Governor Janet Napolitano and the families of homicide victims recognized the Arizona Homicide Investigators Association (AHIA) for their outstanding service to the citizens of Arizona and for their tireless work helping bring justice to homicide victims and their families.

The AHIA, whose Vice President is DPS Detective Terry Johnson, was founded in 1981 by a group of concerned homicide/death investigators. These investigators recognized the need for an in state forum to allow for the exchange of information and the continuing education of professionals involved primarily in death and other violent crime investigations. The initial goal of the AHIA was to support law enforcement and death investigators by providing leadership, training, resources, and expertise that would enhance an investigator's ability to solve crimes.

Keeping in mind the goals established by the AHIA founding fathers, the current Board continues to provide a forum for the exchange of information and continuing education. These goals are accomplished by hosting an annual conference, training seminars in specialized fields and quarterly training meetings. The AHIA quarterly training meetings are held at various locations throughout the state and are provided free of charge to AHIA members.

In October 2002, DPS Detective Terry Johnson was elected as Vice President of

the AHIA. Upon assuming these duties, he identified the need to bring the highest quality homicide training from nationally and internationally known instructors to Arizona. He contacted some of the most well known experts in death investigations and persuaded them into presenting training in Arizona.

To assist with the coordination of the seminars Terry recruited his supervisor, Sergeant Walter Mercer, and fellow DPS Detectives Eloy Ramirez, Charlie Serino, Ron Baroldy, Dave Kleinman, Bobby Marquez, and Dave Romero. He also challenged fellow AHIA Officers and Board Members to follow his lead. Since 2002, the AHIA has also provided nearly two dozen incredibly interesting and educational training seminars (some of these seminars are listed in box at left).

Since 1981, the AHIA had struggled with their membership numbers. In 2002 there were just over 280 members. In that same year, AHIA President Jerry

Laird and Vice President Terry Johnson took office.

In 2005, the membership is now over 800. This includes state, county and local police officers, crime scene technicians, forensic examiners, prosecuting attorneys, medical examiners, coroners and various other law enforcement officials throughout Arizona. Membership has expanded outside of Arizona to include many of the western states and Canada. Since the establishment of the AHIA, DPS has made up a large number of its membership that now exceeds over 100 DPS employees.

Nationally recognized speaker and retired Sergeant David Rivers from the Metro-Dade County Florida Police Department is an honorary lifetime member of the AHIA. Mr. Rivers has been a guest lecturer in over 100 cities, in 41 states and 4 countries on the topic of homicide/death investigation. He has also served as a consultant on numerous homicide investigations throughout the United States, Canada, England and Holland. Mr. Rivers has stated that the AHIA is one of the "most active homicide associations in the nation." This is supported by continued attendance to training by detectives from agencies such as L.A. County Sheriff's Department, L.A.P.D., and numerous other state, county, local and Canadian police agencies.

Several AHIA members and DPS employees' are being actively recruited as instructors to provide specialized training in the U.S. and Vancouver, Canada.

# Happy New Year

### Since 2002, the Arizona Homicide Investigators Association (AHIA) has provided the following training seminars:

40-hour Basic Homicide Investigation Schools \* Explosive Death Investigations \* Three annual homicide conferences providing training in investigations of serial killers, elderly abuse, and twilight murders \* Kansas BTK investigation and D.C. sniper investigation overviews \* Bullet Trajectory Reconstruction \* Cold Case Homicide Investigations \* Shallow Grave Site Investigations \* Crime Scene Management \* Officer Involved Shooting Investigations \* The Elizabeth Smart investigation \* The World Trade Center Investigation \* The AHIA has assisted with establishing the protocol of homicide investigation in Puerto Rico \* Sex Related Homicide Investigations



## The Digest needs your help to update its employee award records

Throughout its history, the Department has presented numerous prestigious awards honoring DPS employees for exemplary service.

Unfortunately, the Digest has been unable to complete accurate, up-to-date lists of DPS employees, civilian and sworn, who have received well-earned recognition through the presentation of such awards.

In an attempt to update its records, starting this month and continuing for the next few months, the Digest will publish a list of recipients who have been recognized by the Department through various awards – valor, distinguished service, professional excellence, lifesaving and meritorious service.

The list of honorees for each award is far from complete. In order to rectify this, the Digest would like its readers to review the lists and if they have any corrections, deletions or additions that can be documented, please inform the Digest.

Below is the list, which is likely incomplete, of those who have been presented with the Department's LifeSaving Award.

### LIFESAVING AWARD

#### 1969

Officer Richardson

#### 1970

Officer Earl Carnell  
Officer Richard Landis

#### 1971

Officer Richard E. Richardson  
Officer Gerald Hopke  
Officer Colin Peabody  
Sgt. Stanley Kimball

Officer Carlton Hill

#### 1972

Officer R. L. Joseph  
Officer D. H. Pruitt  
Officer J.T. Lowery  
Officer William Smerdon  
Officer Glen Shultz  
Officer M.D. Cass

#### 1973

Officer Donald Holt

#### 1974

Officer Greg Eavenson  
Officer John Gantt Jr.  
Officer Rick Long  
Dr. John B. Miller  
Sgt. Ronald K. Bryan

#### 1975

Officer Ronald Mayes

#### 1976 through 1981

#### 1982

Officer Roy Abbott  
Officer Gloria D. Ojeda  
Officer Ronald B. Bruce  
Sgt. Michael A. Seykoski

#### 1983

#### 1984

Officer Rolland G. DeLong  
Officer Anthony Slusher  
Officer Leo B. Smith

#### 1985

Officer James L. McMinn  
Officer Ken Ryan

#### 1986

Sgt. Larry L. Capp  
Officer Michael F. Lehar

Lehar

#### 1987

Officer Andy E. Dobbins

Ray N. Villas  
Herbert M. Brigham III

Officer Thomas "Tim" V. Lane

#### 1988

Officer Michael R. Macias

Major Ronald L. Mayes

#### 1989

Officer William D. Murphy

#### 1990

Officer Ronald A. Brown

Officer Robert D. Davis

Officer J.M. "Mike" Kimble

Paramedic Dennis J. Welsch

Officer Frederick W. Zumbo

#### 1991

Capt. Terry P. Tometich  
Ron G. Leitch  
Officer Gene C. Fredericks

#### 1992

#### 1993

Pilot Gerry M. Brown  
Paramedic Oly M. Ruiz

#### 1994

Officer Thomas E. Perkins

#### 1995

Officer Juan N. Cruz  
John E. Drexler  
Officer Deloy J. Hansen  
Officer Wayne H. Kuwanhyoima  
Officer Ernest F. Tofani

#### 1996

Officer James H. Haas  
Officer Kelly M. Heape

#### 1997

#### 1998

Officer Georg A. Aguilera  
Officer Diane L. Bruce  
Officer Joseph Delgado  
Sgt. Ann M. FitzGerald  
Officer J. Louis Gradias  
Officer John D. Hoyt  
Officer David D. Mogel  
Officer Gary S. Phelps Jr.  
Officer Claudia F. Schmitz  
Officer C. David Springstun Jr.  
Officer Carrie R. Stubblefield  
Paramedic Michael D. Wischmann

#### 1999

Officer Floyd J. "Skip" Fink  
Officer Jason A. Tittes

#### 2000

#### 2001

Officer Jeromy B. Bertram  
Lt. Dean S. Nyhart

#### 2002

Officer Toby D. Curry  
Officer Eric W. Weaver  
Don Davis, La Paz Sheriff's Office

#### 2003

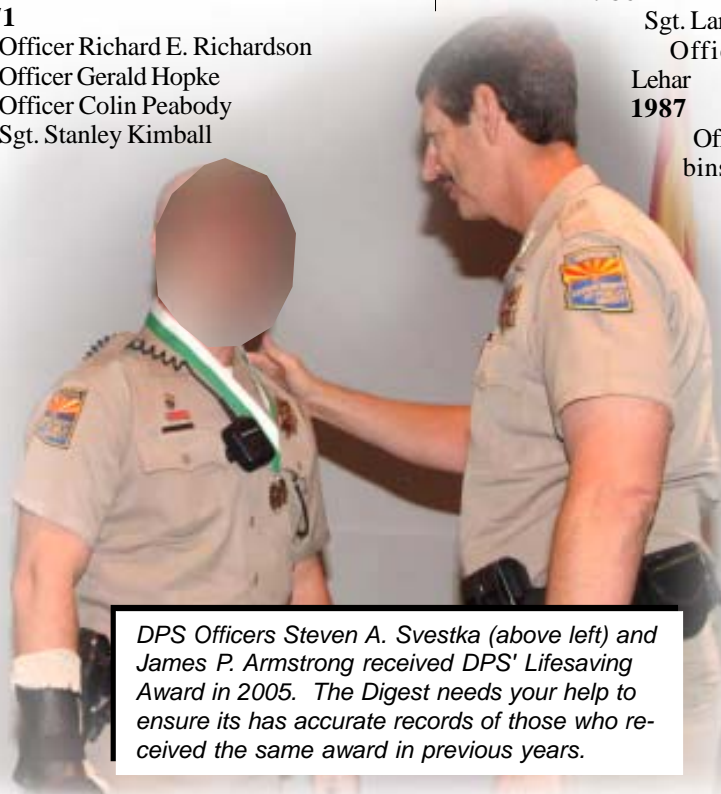
Officer Rick R. VanKeuren

#### 2004

Officer Edward C. Andersson  
Officer Andrew J. Beck  
Officer Robert B. Bond  
Officer John V. Petculescu  
Officer Rusty L. Smith  
Officer Brady Wilkens

#### 2005

Officer James P. Armstrong  
Officer Steven A. Svestka



DPS Officers Steven A. Svestka (above left) and James P. Armstrong received DPS' Lifesaving Award in 2005. The Digest needs your help to ensure its has accurate records of those who received the same award in previous years.





### Unusual moment

While attending a pre-freeway opening ceremony Dec. 17 in Chandler, DPS Director Roger Vanderpool (left) finally met an employee at DPS who is actually quite a bit taller than him. It must have been a surreal moment for the six-foot, six-inch tall former basketball player who usually dwarfs most employees at the agency. The new DPS employee, who seems to be at least three feet taller than Vanderpool in the above photo, was acquired by the agency about six months ago for use at public relations events. This employee, who has not yet been named, can walk, talk, and perform a variety of stunts capable of capturing the public's attention and directing it towards DPS' information booths.

### New Sergeants ...

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On the awards front, Hernandez has received two Director's Unit Citations as a member of the A.L.E.T.A. staff and as a member of District Eight.

#### CHUCK HERRERA

Herrera was promoted to Sergeant and will be assigned to the Human Resources Bureau.

In December 1986, Herrera began his career with the Department as a Project Coordinator in the Facilities Management Department. In September 1994, Herrera decided to pursue law enforcement and became a Cadet Officer. Upon graduating from the law enforcement academy, Herrera was assigned to the Highway Patrol in the Metro Phoenix area. In February 1997, he transferred to G.I.T.E.M.

#### LANCE LARSON

Larson, a native of Roseville, California, was promoted to Sergeant and will be assigned to the Highway Patrol in Metro West.

Larson's career began with DPS in July 1993. Upon graduating from the academy he was assigned to Winslow and in October 1995 he transferred to the K-9 unit in Flagstaff. In 1999, Larson was assigned to the Duty Office until February 2000 when he transferred to Metro Central.

#### ANGELA MADRID

A Utah native and mother of one, Angela Madrid was promoted to Sergeant and will be assigned to the Highway Patrol in Metro East. Madrid started her career with DPS in April 1986 and was assigned to Casa Grande upon graduating from the academy. In 1990 she transferred to Show Low and from 1993 to 1994 she was assigned

to the Navajo County Drug Task Force within CI. Later in 1994, she transferred to the Highway Patrol in District Three, Showlow/Heber. From 1999 until 2002, Madrid was assigned once again to CI.

Madrid has received recognition awards from the City of Casa Grande and V.F.W. and has also received two Director's Unit Citations for her service with District Six and with the former PACE Unit.

#### STEPHEN REUTTER

Stephen Reutter was promoted to Sergeant and will be assigned to the Highway Patrol in Metro West. He began his career with DPS in 1991 as a Cadet Officer. Upon graduating from the academy, he was assigned to Quartzsite. In 1996, Reutter transferred to Metro Phoenix until transferring to the Duty Office in 1997. In 1998, he returned to a Phoenix Metro Squad until beginning work as a Recruit Training Officer in 2000. In 2001, Reutter transferred to Metro West.

In his years of service, the Phoenix native has earned several awards, including two Director's Unit Citations while with Metro Phoenix and the Duty Office.

#### TROY TITZER

Born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, Titzer was promoted to Sergeant and is being assigned to the Highway Patrol in Metro East.

Upon Graduating from ALETA in October 1987, Titzer was assigned to Gila Bend. In 1993, he transferred to District Fourteen in Avondale where he remained until he transferred to Motors in 1994. During his years of service, Titzer has served as a DPS Motorcycle Training Staff Instructor, a District Firearms Instructor, a Motorcycle Field Training Officer, a District VASCAR Coordinator and a Field Training Officer.

He has also received a Director's Unit Citation, an Officer of the Year award and a DUI Apprehension award.

#### JOHNNY VILLANEDA

Having started his career with DPS as an Officer Trainee in June 1981, Villaneda was promoted to Sergeant and will be assigned to District Four in Yuma.

After graduating from the law enforcement academy in 1981, Villaneda was assigned to District Four, Ajo. In 1985 he transferred to Gila Bend where he remained until he transferred to District Twelve in 1989. He was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division from 1994-95 and worked with the Southwest Border alliance in Yuma.

## Dispatchers at DPS make 325 blankets for children in hospital

*Officers from agency help deliver the gifts to sick children before Christmas*

by Kellen Chavez  
State Service Intern

On the morning of Dec. 20, DPS dispatchers, officers and volunteers united in a goodwill effort to distribute hundreds of Department-made, fleece blankets to the patients at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

The concept behind the blankets and the blueprints for making them, however, began to take form seven months ago within the walls of DPS' Operational Communications Center in Phoenix.

In May, DPS Dispatcher Anna La Polla realized that by providing sick children with the feel-good gift of a warm, fleece blanket around Christmas, dispatchers could bring smiles to innocent, deserving faces while attaching the joyous experience to the most overlooked side of law enforcement - dispatching.

"Dispatchers talk to the public everyday when they call 911, but officers are always considered the heroes when they show up," Lapolla

said. "Dispatchers often get overlooked for their own heroism so we included a coloring book with each blanket that explains the day and the life of a dispatcher."

The coloring book, which is a simple cartoon walkthrough of a dispatcher's typical day at DPS, accompanied each fleece blanket along with a small box of crayons and letter from a dispatcher.

The letter is a note of compassion to the children and ends with, "As we leave today, we leave a bit of us with you in your blanket. Just grab it and there we will be."

Since May, each of DPS' 38 dispatchers in Phoenix, along with their families, worked to hand make each of the 325 blankets that were given out Dec. 20.

Lapolla said DPS employees who did not feel comfortable making the actual blankets but still wanted to help did so by contributing money to the project.

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### Santa's helpers

Dispatchers at DPS made fleece blankets (like those in top photo) for patients at Phoenix Children's Hospital and officers at DPS (lower photos) helped deliver them.



## Blankets ...

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Valley stores such as Joann's, Walmart, Safeway, Hancock Fabrics and Sally's Fabrics also contributed to the project.

Each blanket was held by Ziploc bags donated by Safeway. Walmart went so far as to offer a 10 percent discount on materials needed to make the blankets.

The delivery was slated for 10 a.m. on the morning of Dec. 20 and it took place without a hitch. La Polla and three other employees from DPS' Operational Communications Center in Phoenix, Sharon Manson, Lori Taylor and Tanya Veach, split the 325 blankets between their respective vehicles and headed to the hospital.

Phoenix Children's Hospital is a unique

facility. With the sole focus of providing help to sick children, the entire hospital is painted in bright, inviting colors of purple, green, yellow and so forth.

What started as a few DPS motorcycle officers helping to unload the blankets at the Hospital's main lobby area quickly ballooned into a large DPS gathering that sent groups of five or six officers, dispatchers, civilian employees and volunteers to deliver blankets to each of the hospital's wings.

Many of the children, whose ages ranged from just a few months to 17 years old, were initially surprised to see police officers and dispatchers enter their rooms.

The look of surprise on each child's face was soon replaced by a smile brighter than the surrounding colors of the hospital after receiving his or her blanket.



## Farewell gift

DPS Design and Construction Manager Ted Dick (center) left the Department in December after 17 years of service to pursue other interests and spend more time with his family. In appreciation of his loyal service to the agency, Facilities Coordinator Sue Lehew (right) presented Dick and his wife, Amy (left), with a personalized, hand-crafted wooden replica of the DPS star. Dick, who also served as Acting Facilities Manager for six of the past 12 months, was instrumental in the completion of several large projects during his time at DPS. Just a few of the projects he helped complete included the expansion of Knutson Station, the relocation and construction of the new District 12 office, the expansion of the District Six Office, and the completion of the ACTIC facility.

## Unique commercial carrier safety reviews administered by DPS

Based on the premise that educating newly operating commercial carriers on Federal regulations and State statutes will have an effect on the safety performance of that carrier, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration created the New Entrant Program.

The New Entrant Program is administered by the Arizona Department of Public Safety through their Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau.

Beginning January 1, 2003, all new motor carriers, private and for hire, operating in interstate commerce must apply for registration (USDOT number) as a "new entrant."

All new entrant motor carriers must complete an application package consisting of a MCS150 and MCS150A. This application may be completed online at <http://safer.fmcsa.dot.gov> or by calling FMCSA headquarters, 800-832-5660, and requesting an application by mail.

Once the application package is completed, the carrier will be issued a new entrant registration USDOT number.

The carrier will be notified in writing that the new entrant designation will be removed from their registration at the end of the 18-month safety monitoring period if the carrier meets the following requirements:

- The new entrant has passed a safety audit or has not been deemed "unfit" following compliance review
- The new entrant does not have any outstanding civil penalties

Safety audits will be conducted on site at the carrier's principal place of business and will consist of a review of the carrier's safety management systems. Areas of review include but are not limited to the following:

- Driver qualifications
- Driver duty status
- Vehicle maintenance
- Accident register
- Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing requirements.

Upon completion of the safety audit, the FMCSA will notify the carrier in writing within 45 days of the results of the audit.

For more information about the Arizona New Entrant Safety Review Program, contact DPS Supervisor Bill Melander at 602-223-2055. Melander is a Motor Carrier Supervisor assigned to the Department's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau in Phoenix.



### Dear Director Vanderpool:

My Office hosted the 2005 Border Attorneys General Conference on September 7-9, 2005. I requested help from your Department for security and transportation for the Mexican Attorneys General.

DPS Officers Charlie Ruiz #1267, James Benitez #5005, and Juan Figueroa #6397 did a great job in this endeavor and comments from the visiting dignitaries were very complimentary. These officers represented your Department in a very positive and professional manner.

Please convey my appreciation to each officer for a job well done.

**Terry Goddard**  
Arizona Attorney General

### Dear Director Vanderpool:

On October 17, 2005 Officer T.K. Wiedemann #6414 qualified two departments in Huachuca, Arizona. There were officers from the Huachuca City Police Department, and the Patagonia Marshals Office along with the Department of Defense Police. Officer Wiedemann qualified them on their duty sidearm and shotgun.

Officer Wiedemann was able to get me out of a very big jam by stepping up to the plate and assisting our agencies. My firearms instructor had a situation come up the night before our qualification, so he could not be there.

Officer Wiedemann made arrangements with his Department and was able to complete my commitment with my agency and the other departments. It was indeed a pleasure to have a professional and knowledgeable officer instruct such a critical part of required and important training.

All that attended the training stated they enjoyed the training and were thankful to have Officer Wiedemann give it. As always the mission of this office has been successful because of the support of your agency.

Thank you for allowing Officer Wiedemann to give these agencies the training they so greatly needed.

**Chief Marshal Keith D. Barth**  
Patagonia Marshal's Office

### Dear Director Vanderpool:

On August 11, 2005 I was granted the privilege and honor to participate in the Civilian Observer Program. I spent about eight hours on this day riding with Officer Kevin McNichols (#5522).

Evidently, the day was rather routine, and was comprised of traffic stops. I was very impressed with Officer McNichols ability to, what I would characterize as flawless multitasking, in a short time frame, under very demanding and stressful conditions. And, I can further understand, that there are times when his job can be very dangerous, as well as extremely stressful.

During this tour of duty I found Officer McNichols kept a smile and maintained a friendly rapport with the public. I also got the impression that he could be as tough as he needed to be when circumstances demanded.

You and your Department must be very proud of his high degree of professionalism. Officer McNichols exemplifies everything that a police officer should be.

**F.C. Cadell**  
Green Valley, Arizona

### Dear Director Vanderpool:

First, John and I both would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment as the Director of DPS. It seems like only yesterday that we all worked together in the Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside area.

As you are probably aware, John and I have retired from Law Enforcement. We have started a new venture together called, "Corder Community Services, Inc." which is a Private Security and Investigations agency serving Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside.

Needless to say, we have been working closely with your licensing unit. Neither one of us realized how complicated, nor involved this process would be. The members of your licensing unit have been extremely helpful and professional. We have had many occasions to speak with them concerning the correct procedures, and they have always assisted us admirably.

Special "thanks" go to Marilyn Davis, who even came in on a Saturday and worked on our application before she went on vacation. We both know how difficult it is to find dedicated employees like that. Please pass on our heartfelt "thanks" for a job well done.

If you ever have the opportunity to visit Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside, please stop in and see us, as it would be a great pleasure to visit about old times.

Good luck in the future.  
**Terry Ringey**  
Show Low, Arizona

### Dear Director Vanderpool:

I want to take a moment of your time to express my gratitude for the unusually kind help one of your patrolmen, Shaun Enrico of Ajo, gave my daughter and me when we experienced automobile trouble on Highway 85 just south of Gila Bend on Monday, October 5th.

We had a broken water pump and also experienced a rapidly fading cell-phone battery when we were contacting AAA. We sat in the sun for an hour before Patrolman Enrico came upon us, and he stayed with us another hour before AAA finally sent help.

He used his cell phone to urge AAA to come to our aid and helped keep our spirits up. As I shall be 90 years of age on my next birthday, I did find the wait uncomfortable and was greatly aided by the officer.

I want to commend you for having Mr. Enrico in your department and hope that he is an example of your entire group. We are indeed indebted to him.

**Fredrick L. Bergman**  
Peoria, Arizona

### Dear Director Vanderpool:

I am writing to you in hopes that this message finds its way to the two troopers that made my day. On Sept. 27, 2005 I was traveling with my wife (on vacation from Michigan) on Loop 101 in Scottsdale when my right rear tire blew out. Yes, flatter than a pancake. I myself spent many years in a black and white. I realized I was in very heavy traffic and in a bad situation to attempt to step out of the vehicle. Within minutes two troopers from your organization showed up. I must say I was very impressed with the way they handled every detail of my rescue. They changed our tire and kept us safe. I take my hat off to these two fine officers. My wife and I both would like to make sure that these two officers, James Gibides and Jay Headley, are congratulated for their actions on that day.

**Dave and Brenda Horton**  
Hillman, Michigan

### Cop Swap

Condo Rental - Three bedrooms, two bathrooms with new paint and carpet. Unit includes washer, dryer, refrigerator, and dish washer. Located in Litchfield Park with nice amenities within walking distance. The condo complex has assigned covered parking, a large pool and an exercise room. \$850 a month plus utilities. Non refundable cleaning deposit of \$200. Contact Ray Buttes @ DPS extension 2531 or at home (623) 535-0840.



## Inside DPS

### 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Alley, Vernon L., 2854, Officer  
 Baker Jr., William M., 2855, Officer  
 Barzar, Stanley L., 2856, Officer  
 Delong, Rolland G., 2911, Lieutenant  
 Gillette-Stroud, Pennie, 2871, Assistant Director  
 Griffith, Timothy R., 2872, Officer  
 Hawkins III, Kenneth C., 2873, Sergeant II  
 Hrenchir, Larry D., 2959, Officer  
 Jonovich, Kerry L., 2901, Sergeant II  
 Kennedy, William P., 2877, Sergeant II  
 Lane, Thomas V., 2878, Lieutenant  
 Lehan, Laretta J., 2888, Administrative Services Officer  
 Mancha, Ruben A., 2879, Officer  
 McCraney, William G., 2880, Officer  
 Navarro, Gerard, 2883, Officer  
 Norris, Laurel L., 2885, Lieutenant  
 Quezada, Benjamin A., 2887, Officer  
 Schantz, Anita L., 2851, Payroll Specialist  
 Torrez, Fermin R., 2898, Officer  
 Wooten, Iven T., 2902, Lieutenant

### 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Allmann, Lynn C., 3747, Admin. Assistant  
 Bruhn, Anthony K., 3735, Officer  
 Kroupa, Kathleen., 3757, Applications Development Services Supervisor  
 Kvochick, Timothy R., 3726, Sergeant II  
 Maerker, Barry A., 3736, Officer  
 Powles, Stephen E., 3750, Telecommunications Engineer III  
 Qualls, Travis V., 3751, Officer  
 Savage, Cliff E., 3728, Auto/Motorcycle Technician

### DEPARTURES

Agustin, Kris, 6583, State Service Intern  
 Ashby, Linda A., 5906, Criminalist II  
 Bittner, Elizabeth M., 6522, Police Communications Dispatcher  
 Burgett, Michelle L., 6405, Lab Technician  
 Fraire, Felipe, 6624, Cadet Officer  
 Gibbons Sr., Thomas L., 6625, Cadet Officer  
 Kelly, Jaime T., 6495, Human Resources Analyst  
 Martin, Carolee D., 5676, Officer

McFadden, Patsy J., 5122, Training Coordinator  
 Moser, Earl M., 6316, Computer Network Operator  
 Newmark Jr., Charles C., 2884, Officer  
 O'Donnell, Edward M., 5166, Aircraft Mechanic  
 Stanton, Glenda A., 5735, Criminal Records Specialist  
 Wood, Michael W., 6129, Officer

### NEW EMPLOYEES

Baker, Dominique O., 6641, Human Resources Assistant  
 Bratz, Matthews T., 6616, Officer  
 Brown, Gary W., 6634, Telecommunications Technician  
 Byrd, Daven J., 6620, Cadet Officer  
 Callister, Thomas C., 6621, Cadet Officer  
 Chamberlain, Veronica A., 6639, Associate Criminalist  
 Cook, Carrick R., 6622, Cadet Officer  
 Cooley, Brian C., 6617, Officer  
 Dobrowolski, Edward M., 6623, Cadet Officer  
 Gesler, Marguerita L., 6642, Criminal Records Specialist  
 Gonzales, George G., 6644, Custodian  
 Graff, Trevor A., 6626, Cadet Officer  
 Haas, Ann J., 6643, Criminal Records Specialist  
 Hatch, Shadena M., 6636, Police Communications Dispatcher  
 Keeling, Brittany N., 6637, State Service Intern  
 Kincheloe, Wayne, 6633, Telecommunications Engineer II  
 Lankow, Korey R., 6627, Cadet Officer  
 McCorkle, Christopher S., 6628, Cadet Officer  
 Merritt, Deborah L., 6638, Associate Criminalist  
 Riordan, Karen L., 6632, Admin. Assistant  
 Smith, Robb L., 6629, Cadet Officer  
 Stant, Kawika T., 6618, Officer  
 Wallace, Chad J., 6631, Cadet Officer  
 Weisser, Jaime T., 6640, Associate Criminalist  
 Williams, Sherry L., 6635, Human Resources Analyst  
 Wohlenhaus, William E., 6619, Officer

### RETIREMENTS

Barber, John D., 3673, Sergeant I  
 Connors, Marilyn F., 3622, ACJIS Computer Specialist/Instructor  
 Domikaitis, Dolores, 3501, Admin. Secretary  
 Edgren, Robert J., 1473, Technical Projects Coordinator

Gebert, Joseph L., 2663, Fleet Service Supervisor

Murphy, William D., 3272, Officer

Weede, Michael S., 4995, Administrative Assistant

### BIRTHS

District Two Officer Mark Haughey and his wife, Allison, recently welcomed their 4<sup>th</sup> son into the world on Oct. 31. Jefferson Patrick Haughey weighed 8lbs. 12oz., and was 21 5/8 in. long.

Administrative Secretary for Northern CI, Dawn Celis, recently gave birth to her second child. Madeline Nichole Celis weighed in at 7lbs and measured 18 1/4 in.

On Oct. 17 District Two Officer Mike Karas and his wife, Kirsten, welcomed Daniel Anthony to the world. Daniel is Officer Karas' second child.

Jack Martin Cooper - 7 lbs., 3.8 oz. 19 inches. Jack was welcomed into the world by Metro East Officer Carl Cooper and his wife, Jeannie, on Dec. 11.

Marybeth Joy Jones - 8 lbs., 1 oz. Born Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:53 a.m. Marybeth is the 4<sup>th</sup> daughter to be welcomed into the home of Camp Verde Officer Kevin Jones and his wife Christie.

Ashlynn Tavery Holweger - 8lbs., 3 oz. Born Dec. 25 to DPS Officer Darren Holweger and his wife, Felene.

Addison Leeann Case, and Sabrina Veronica Case - 5lbs., 10 oz., 7lbs., 8 oz., respectively. Born Dec. 26 to DPS Comptroller Phil Case and his wife.

### OBITUARIES

Adam Uhles, son of retired paramedic Don Uhles, passed away unexpectedly Nov. 1.

The mother of DPS Local/Wide Area Network Specialist Mark Oreskovich recently passed away.

DPS retiree Gordon Hopke passed away on Nov. 15.

DPS retiree Bill Beckham Jr. passed away on Oct. 30.

John W. Jenkins passed away on Nov. 15. He was the husband of Nancy Jenkins.

Retired Security Officer, Norman Meece, passed away on Nov. 19.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, the son-in-law of Highway Patrol Division Officer John Kozubal died in Texas.

John Vucich passed away on Dec. 17. He was the father of Evidence Custodian Debbie James.

Retired Capt. Jamie Teyechea passed away Dec. 21.

Ellis G. McMillan passed away on Dec. 23. He was the father of Facilities Maintenance Technician John McMillan.

Charlie Strong, the father of Randy Strong, passed away Dec. 19.

Patricia Sinanovic passed away recently. She was the wife of DPS retiree Hanson Sinanovic.

DPS retiree William "Bill" Matthews passed away Jan. 4.

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## Down the Highways

**January 1971**

DPS Sgts. Richard Sandheger and Bill Woodard were pictured Jan. 22 in *The Arizona Republic* displaying the Montana peak state trooper hat which Highway Patrol officers will be wearing on an experimental basis in February.

DPS officials said a survey indicated that the majority of Highway Patrol personnel favor the Montana peak hat over the traditional milkman's cap.

**December 1975**

Two years and 200,000 traffic tickets after the 55-mph speed limit became law in Arizona, interstate traffic continues to flow at 65 to 67 mph, said Tom Milldebrandt, acting director of the Highway Patrol.

"We are not playing games with it," said Milldebrandt, "but it seems the public is."

Milldebrandt said Highway Patrol officers have written 42 percent more tickets during the first 10 months of 1975 than during the same period in 1974. Average speed on the interstates is 66.8 mph, Milldebrandt said.

**January 1981**

The Department began its "Ace" and "Thunderbird" experimental programs Jan. 1 to honor DPS Highway Patrol officers who recover stolen vehicles.

Lt. Doug Walters, District 6 commander, said a lighting bolt symbol, to be affixed to the drivers' side door of the patrol car, will be awarded each time an officer recovers a stolen motor vehicle with an apprehension.

When an officer collects five bolts in one year, he will be presented with an "Ace"

license plate, Walters said, adding that the officer with the greatest number of recoveries in one year will be awarded the "Thunderbird" license plate.

**December 1985**

A father and a son died from injuries received when a fully-loaded, two-tiered tractor trailer carrying cattle blew its right front tire and struck the rear of a beer truck Dec. 21 on Interstate 10 near Eloy.

DPS Highway Patrol Officer Bob Williamson said wreckage and debris were scattered over a 100-foot stretch of interstate. Williamson said a winter visitor walking a dog in the area witnessed the blowout and ensuing crash which also killed 19 of 52 head of cattle.

**January 1991**

DPS Sgt. Manuel Tapia, who was seriously wounded Jan. 7 when shot by a suspected drug trafficker, became the Department's 19th officer to be killed in the line of duty when he died from his injuries Jan. 8.

The 41-year-old officer, who was a 17½-year veteran, died at about 1:45 a.m. while undergoing surgery at Tucson Medical Center.

Tapia's assailant was identified as Noel Bernal Gonzales, 18, a Mexican national, who died at Nogales Holy Cross Hospital about two hours after the 7:30 p.m. shooting.

The incident began in Nogales when Tapia and a Nogales police sergeant stopped a gray Thunderbird that had been under surveillance as part of a drug-trafficking network.

The driver of the vehicle, who was asked to exit his car, eventually ran from the officers and when they started to chase him, he turned and fired, striking Tapia in the abdomen and arm. The Nogales sergeant then shot and fatally wounded the suspect.

**December 1995**

Civilian employees at DPS received an opportunity to go "one-on-one" with Director Joe Albo and before the two-hour question-and-answer session was over at least 25 topics were addressed by either the director or by some of the 200 employees attending the forum conducted Dec. 13 at the Mountain Preserve Reception Center in North Phoenix.

Issues discussed ranged from the Department's classification/compensation maintenance review (CCMR) program to whether the director could find time to occasionally drop by and just say "hello" to frontline DPS employees.

**January 1996**

On Jan. 23, a symbolic ground breaking ceremony was held to signal the start of construction on DPS' Scientific and Technical Support Building in Phoenix.

The 63,000-square-foot facility, which was completed in the spring of 1997, was set to house the Department's crime laboratory and facilities for accident reconstruction, property and evidence, latent prints and questioned documents.

The building, which was contracted to Cohen Contracting Inc., Phoenix, at the bid of \$8.76 million, took 14 months to construct. Thirteen general contractors tendered bids to complete the project.